

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1317**

April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Martin Park upgrades in fiscal year 2023.

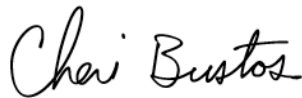
The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of East Galesburg, located at 100 E. First St, East Galesburg, IL 61430.

The funding would be used to completely upgrade Martin Park. Upgrades would include adding a splash pad for youth, patio for families, building for fundraisers, benches to sit, and fences and sidewalks for safety. The current park is dilapidated and unusable. The equipment is old, there are no sidewalks or benches for parents to sit, and the pavilion we used for events in the past is completely boarded up due to safety hazards inside. There is not another park in our small community where children and families can gather.

The population of East Galesburg as of the 2020 Census is 763. Much like tearing down an old and crumbling building can breathe new life into a town, getting rid of a virtually unusable park and building something bigger and better would do the same. It would be a source of town pride that would keep families from moving out of this community and potentially entice new families to move there.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Cheri Bustos  
Member of Congress